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Original attestation in accordance with  
Criminal Code  
Commissioner  
H. L. Manning of 1917

2116 Mitchell Camp

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

Major  
W. L. Murray

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

8th, Pfts 27th, Bn.

## ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. ~~5800~~ 3946 Name Taylor Harold George  
Unit A Coy 2nd Battalion ~~4th Battalion~~  
Joined on 17 August 1918 ~~50th Battalion~~

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Harold George Taylor
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
near the Town of Prospect  
in the County of Sth Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N B
4. What is your age? ... 22 1/2 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Handdress
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... N.
7. Are you married? ... N.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Mother Mrs Clara Taylor  
6 First Avenue  
Helmsdale Glenelg Sth Aust.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incongruous and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? ... N.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... N.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... N.
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

Harold George Taylor do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife †  
wife and children

Date Aug 9th 1918

H. G. Taylor  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Description of Harold George Taylor on Enlistment

Age 22 years 8 months  
Height 5 feet 9 inches  
Weight 146 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 33 37 inches  
Complexion Tan  
Eyes Blue  
Hair L Brown  
Religious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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Naa 3 L.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz:—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1915

Place Adelaide

Jus Brws } Capt's  
W Hamill } a.m.c.  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to F Coy 2<sup>d</sup> Regt Battl

Date 17/8/15

Place Adelaide

W Hancock  
Commanding Comp Coy

B 103  
28.9.16

Embarked 12.2.16

3946

Statement of Service No. 35800

Name Taylor A.G.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
A Coy. 8/27	Posted Private	17/8/15	15/10/15	C/o 424.
		16/10/15	31/10/15	
NCO.		1/11/15	31/12/15	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dep.	Sergeant	1/1/16	11/1/16	C/o 1/2 C/o 10/2
10/27 def.		16/1/16	16/1/16	
9/27		16/1/16		
50 <sup>th</sup> Batta	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM	2.4.16	✓	1570 18.4.16
Spl Reverts to Pte on joining	Batta 2.4.16	✓	7/550.	18.4.16
Prom. L/Pl.		23.5.16	✓	Pt/a 16.2652. 31/5/16
WOUNDED in Action, France		16.8.16	✓	Pt/a 20.3937. 28/8/16
Embarked H.S. "Anglia" at Calais				
for Eng. 4 S.W. Pt. High		29.2.16	✓	Pt/a 22/11536 12/4/16
adm. to Edmonton Dilly		29/8/16	✓	Pt II 30/4218 1/9/16
Hosp. Edmonton from hosp.				
Ship Roughton (G.S.W			✓	
right thigh serious)				
50 <sup>th</sup> Bn	In/m to 104 Com Depot Wareham	17.2.17	✓	Pt II 207 1165 E 2.3.17.
	from Perham Downs. (L.R.92)			
L/Pl. offence. A.W.L from	Codford	18-1-18.		20 1/433. E
2400. 17-1-18. until Appr.				7-2-18. L 880.
by. Mil Police at 6 am.				
18-1-18. Award. Reduced				
to Permanent Grade IV		19-1-18.	✓	
by. Major J.H. Lottitt.				
16-1-18. Article 10 pay R.D.				
Pte. appointed off/Pl	Codford	16.2.18	✓	1470 25.2.18 2016/629 E
(13 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn)				

RETURN TO ADJUTANT  
Par  
For

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Army Form B. 103.

45th M.D.

Regimental Number... 3945...

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps... 55th Battalion 5th Battalion.

Rank... Sgt. Pte. Surname... TAYLOR... Christian Name... Harold George...

Religion... Age on Enlistment... years... months

Enlisted (a)... 17/3/15... Terms of Service (a)... Service reckons from (a)...

Date of promotion to present rank... Date of appointment to lance rank...

Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b)... or Corps Trade and Rate...

Occupation... Signature of Officer.

G.F.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.21, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in such case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.21, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...		12/2/15	
		Disembarked...			
3/4/16.	C.O. Bn.	Reverts to ranks on joining Battn.	Sereapeum	4/2/16	19/4/16. DO 7/1583.1
2/4/16	7th Eng Bn.	allotted & proc to join 50th Bn.	Heliopolis	2/4/16	
3/4/16	CO 50th Bn.	T.O.S.	Sereapeum	2/4/16	DO 7/1570.
27/5/16	CO Bn.	To be Lance Corporal	Front Line		18/4/16.
5/6/16	CO Tpt Arcadian.	Proc to join B.E.F.	Canal defence	23/5/16	DO 16/2652. 21/5/16.
		Disembarked.	Alexandria	5/6/16	
	C.O. Bn.	Wounded in Action.	Marseilles	12/5/16	
16/8/16	26th Gen Hos	Adm GSW Thigh. To England	Field	16/8/16	A.O. 30/3977 25-3-16
	"	To England	Etaples	16/8/16	VL 55.24/8/17
29/8/16	MS Brighton.	Emb England	Galles	28/8/16	
29/8/16	Edmonton M.R.	Adm GSW R Thigh Serious	Edmonton	29/8/16	DO 33/4896. 12/9/16
					DO 33/421F 11/9/16.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, A2.



4TH MILITARY DISTRICT  
 370 8573



I.C.

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**  
**4TH MILITARY DISTRICT.**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS		CAMPS	
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS	C 1030	MITCHAM	C 8980
ALL OFFICERS	C 1030	ERMITTON	C 8224
D. 7. 30	C 1277	MUAPPETVILLE	6100-66
D. 1. 30	C 1208		
KEELWICK HOSPITAL	C 8270		

KINGSWICK BARRACKS,

ADELAIDE,

1918

30 JUL 1918

Officer in Charge,  
 Base Records,  
 Victoria Barracks,  
 MELBOURNE.

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

The under-mentioned soldier has been handed his Discharge. Medical Board Proceedings and other documents follows, forwarded herewith:- B.179, B.178, Dental Form X.

No. 3946. Rank. L/Cpl. Name. TAYLOR, Harold George.

Unit. 50th, 9/27th Battn.

Date of Attestation. 17/8/15

Date of Embarkation. 7/2/16

Date of Disembarkation. 5/7/18

EX. "RUAHINE"

Reason for Discharge **MEDICALLY UNFIT (NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT).**

Date of Discharge. " " 22/7/18

Total Service. 2 years, 340 days

Service Abroad. 2 years, 149 days

Account Adjusted in Part **XXII.**

BASE RECORDS  
 1 AUG 1918  
 RECEIVED

*[Signature]*  
 CAPTAIN  
 STAFF OFFICER INVALIDS & RETURNED SOLDIERS, 4th M.D.

311  
102  
Right Thigh

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station 15th T B. Godford  
Date 29. 1. 1917

- 1. Unit 50<sup>th</sup> Bn ✓
- 2. Regimental No. 3946 ✓
- 3. Rank Private ✓ Cpt
- 4. Name TAYLOR Harold George ✓
- 5. Age last birthday 25 years ✓
- 6. Enlisted on Aug. 1915 33 ✓  
Adelaide S. Australia ✓

- 7. Former Trade or Occupation } Hairdresser ✓
- 7A. If with previous service in Army, state—  
(a) Former Unit;  
(b) Regimental No.;  
(c) Date of Discharge;  
(d) Cause of Discharge. } Not applicable



8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.  
(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19).

Shrapnel wound of muscles of Right Thigh  
47749

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

- 9. Date of origin of disability. Aug. 1916
- 10. Place of origin of disability. Pozieres

- 11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. States that he was wounded by shrapnel on the inner side of right thigh at Pozieres. Was in hospital 1/2 in all owing to the injury to the muscles (abductors). Since returning to England has done no training whatever by reason of weakness & pain in right leg. Has been until is employed in the Regimental Hairdresser's but finds this work too much because of the muscular strain put on right leg.
- 12. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability, stating whether in your opinion it is—  
(a) attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, climate, or ordinary military service. (The specific condition to which it is attributed should be stated, see Notes on page 3). Shrapnel wound of the muscles of right thigh. Attributable to ordinary military service. H. Taylor.  
(b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war. Not applicable & not aggravated by service.  
(c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c. No

C

13. What is his present condition?

General Condition - fair but looks debilitated

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Disability - Large irregular scars on the inner aspect + outer posterior aspect

of middle of right humerus - great destruction of the accelerator muscle - + vastus lateralis has resulted from the injury + consequent disoperation

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused -

- (a) In action? **Yes**
- (b) On field service? **No**
- (c) On duty? **Yes**
- (d) Off duty? **No**

Right knee is stiff - extension reduced 30% owing to contraction of hamstring muscle

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so - (a) When?
- (b) Where?
- (c) Opinion?

} **No**

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1916. Removal of shell fragment + drainage of wound. Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916 incision + drainage in England

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

Not applicable

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

Not applicable

19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding, and state whether they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war.

Not applicable

**W**

*[Faint handwritten notes and signatures]*

20. Do you recommend -

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

**C**

*[Signature]*  
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith,

except †

Station Boxford

*[Signature]*  
Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date 30/1/18

\*Loss of teeth on or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

*Mack*  
GMP.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office, A.I.F.F.  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE. 20th September 1916.

Dear Madam,  
I now beg to advise you that information has been received to the effect that No. 3946 Lance corporal H.G. Taylor was admitted to the Edmonton Military Hospital 29.8.16, suffering from gunshotwound thigh severe.

His postal address will therefore be:-

No. 3946 Lance Corporal H.G. Taylor,  
WOUNDED 50th Australian Infantry,

C/o Australian Imperial Force Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
Westminster, LONDON. S.W.

Any further particulars coming to hand will be promptly transmitted.

Mrs. C. Taylor  
6 First Avenue,  
Helmsdale,  
Gleneig. S.A.

Yours faithfully,  
J. M. LEAN.  
Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station 13<sup>th</sup> TB Bodford  
 Date 29. 1. 18

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Transferred to

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE SECTION

No. 3946

Rank *Lt Col* Name Taylor J G

Unit 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Casualty <sup>809</sup> Seriously ill G.L.W. Reg W.S.M.L. 134/688310. ✓

Wounded C.1.B.L. 359/6961.T. 15<sup>th</sup> London 2.9.16) At Lon 22.8.16  
 G.L.W. High, (comm) Adm 2/9/16 to General Mac Kay W.S.M.L. 159/7020 ✓  
 50<sup>th</sup> Convalescent W.S.M.L. 167/7083 ✓  
 Gated London 17.9.16  
 Convalescent W.S.M.L. London 198/7292 Received 17.10.16 ✓  
 30.1-4.2.17 Disch Ex Edmonton Mil Hosp to Fair & Pop P. Downs G.L.W. High Reg 134/688310  
 10<sup>th</sup> Lond 2.2.17 ✓

DATE	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
28 AUG 1916	N. O. K. Advised Wounded and Seriously ill	
SEP 20 1916	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	
5 OCT 1916	N. O. K. Advised Convalescent	
	<i>in to Aust ex R.T. Quakers Det "H" emb 12/5/18</i>	
JUN 10 1918	<i>G.L.W. 2550/1606 did Lon 24/5/18. Recd B. R. 23/5/18</i>	
	N. O. K. Advised returning to Australia, Form	
	Returned to Australia per A. <i>Quakers 1/16</i>	
	Disembarked <i>20<sup>th</sup></i> M. D. for <i>12<sup>th</sup></i> D. ( <i>Shrap wds. muscles right thigh!</i> ) ✓	
A.P.	P.103 RECD	
22. 7. 18	Discharged <i>4<sup>th</sup></i> M. D. (W)	B.R. 140/4.M.D. 170

APPLICATION FOR WAT. SERVICE  
 LEAVE GRATUITY PASSED  
 FEB 25 1918  
 A/c. No. 8279

## WAR HISTORY INDEX



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